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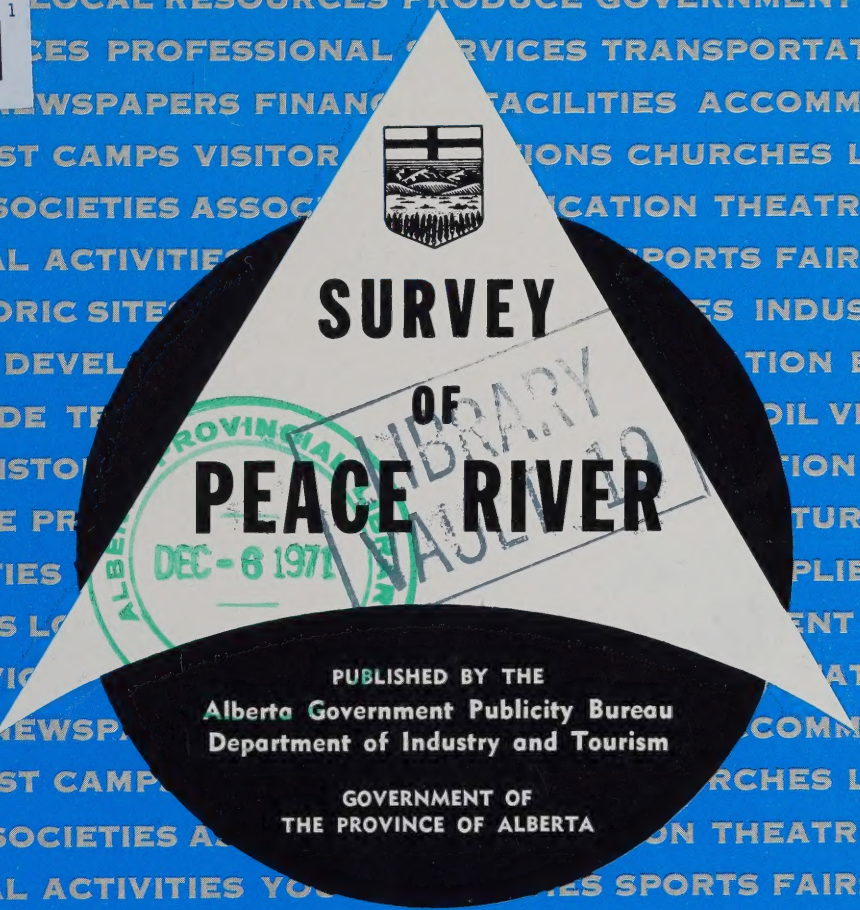
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Town of Peace River

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1. LOCATION

Section 31-83-21-W5 in Census Division No. 15. This location is on the east bank of the Peace River, 317 miles northwest of Edmonton by rail on the Northern Alberta Railway. It is 304 miles by paved highways, numbers 16, 43, 34 and 2, and 244 miles by air from Edmonton to the Peace River airport.

2. ALTITUDE

1103 feet

Latitude 56°/14' N.

Longitude 117°/17' W.

3. TEMPERATURE

Average summer - 57° F.

Average winter - 17° F.

Average annual - 34° F.



A general view of a portion of downtown Peace River, with the rail bridge in the background partially obscuring the highway bridge.

4. PRECIPITATION

Average annual rainfall - 12.7 inches

Average annual snowfall - 48 inches

Average annual precipitation - 17.92 inches

Hours of daylight, May 1 - Sept. 30 - 2288 hours. Daily average, 14.95.

5. GEOLOGY

Peace River town stands on bedrock of the Lower Cretaceous Age — the St. John and Peace River formations. The St. John formation which overlies the Peace River formation, is composed of dark grey shales with some ironstone bands and concretions. The Peace River formation at or near the town of Peace River consists of massive sandstone which contains good quality silica sands.

6. SOIL

Peace River is in the dark grey and dark grey wooded soil zone.

Vegetation—

Mainly woodland in which the tree growth is frequently denser and has more evergreens than in the black zone.

Soil Profile—

Generally variable, ranging from nearly black to grey. The surface horizon consists of a thin layer of semi-decomposed leaf litter which may be absent in burned over areas, underlain by a mineral horizon than can usually be divided into two parts. The upper part may be black, grey black or dark brown. The lower part is frequently somewhat leached of organic matter and considerably greyer than the upper part. The total depth of these surface horizons averages about 10 to 12 inches. The sub-horizons are generally dark brown in color and lime is found at depths of about 30 to 50 inches.

Fertility—

These soils are usually not as rich as those of the black zone. Leaching of the surface horizons has resulted in the loss of some plant nutrients. Nitrogen, phosphorus and sometimes sulphur may be deficient.

Land Use—

A system of mixed farming that includes legumes and grasses in the crop rotation, supplemented with applications of fertilizer when required, should be practised for best results.

7. HISTORY

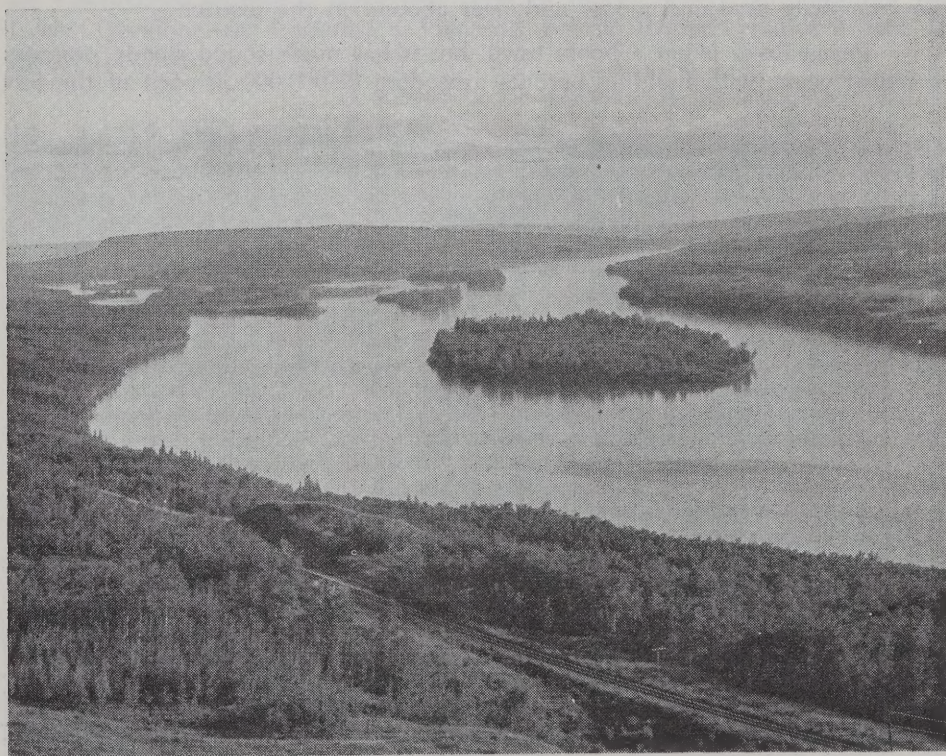
The Town of Peace River derived its name from the river that flows north along its west boundary.

The history of the town is the history of the early fur traders and Christian Missionaries. The trading posts were named "forts" and the headquarters of the missionaries were called "missions".

The names of the forts which form the town's historical backgrounds were the Fort of the Forks established in 1792, Fort Vermilion established in 1798, Fort Dunvegan established in 1800 by the North West Company, Hudson's Bay Fort at Fort Macleod and an XY Company Fort.

Among the first white men to visit Peace River was Sir Alexander Mackenzie who was on his way to set up a fur trading post for the North West Company and in search of a passage to the Pacific.

Roman Catholic priests were the first missionaries to visit the Peace River district in 1845. In 1881 the Rev. J. Brick established an Anglican Mission at Fort Dunvegan. The buildings were moved to Shaftesbury, 60 miles down river in 1888. He started a farm near this mission and a sample of his wheat took first prize at the International Seed Exhibition in Chicago. His son, Allie Brick, was the first person elected to represent the Peace River district in the Alberta Legislature. Rev. Murdock Johnston continued the work for the Anglican Church holding monthly services at Peace River and in 1912 the first Anglican church was built in the town. The Athabasca Diocese, with headquarters at Peace River, was established in 1874 and covers approximately 200,000 square miles.



Picturesque confluence of the Smoky and Peace Rivers is near the town.

The first homesteaders to arrive in the district travelled via Athabasca and later some came via Edson and Sturgeon Lake. The Edmonton-Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway (now the Northern Alberta Railway), which was completed to Peace River in 1915, brought in an influx of settlers. The Canadian National Railway has constructed the Great Slave Lake Railway from Roma, 7 miles west of Peace River to Hay River and Pine Point on the Great Slave Lake. This 700 mile railway provides a direct link to lumber and natural resources in the area. The Northern Alberta Railway provides a direct route to the Worsley iron ore deposits.

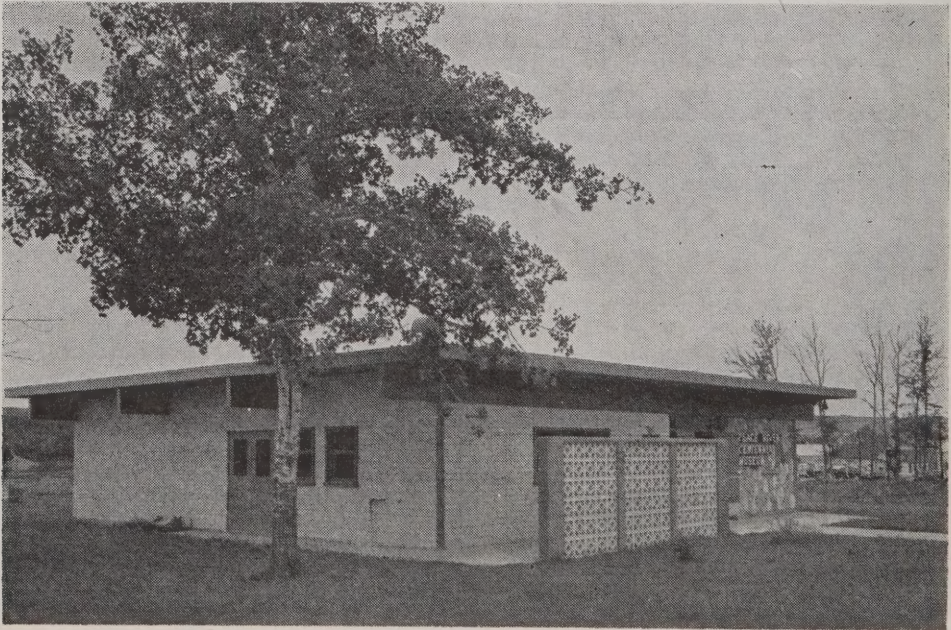
8. LIVING CONDITIONS

Peace River town lies in the valley of the Peace River. From the hill overlooking the town, one gets a magnificent view of the river 800 feet below and if you glance upstream you will see the Smoky River emptying into the Peace.

The climate is moderate considering the latitude. Winters are frequently modified by chinook winds from the Pacific coast. Winters are dry with moderate snowfall and very little wind. Blizzards and hailstorms are rare in the area. Summer days are warm but not sultry and are noted for the long daylight hours and the short nights.

Fishing is available in the rivers and surrounding lakes. For the hunter excellent shooting for ducks, geese and upland game birds can be found in the immediate area and moose and deer abound in the district.

Peace River is not a boom town, but it has made sound steady progress in recent years, with building permits exceeding \$2,000,000 in each of the last



The Peace River Centennial Museum houses many interesting artifacts of early days.

five years. With its fine Court House, Provincial Government Offices, 75-bed hospital with adjacent auxiliary hospital and nursing home, legal, medical, banking and wholesale services centered at this location, Peace River is truly the focal point of the North. Professional and business facilities, sporting and recreational amenities, religious and education institutions, the friendly atmosphere of a variety of clubs, and pleasant living conditions in one of the recognized beauty spots of the world, make this gem of commerce and scenic beauty an ideal spot to visit and in which to live.

Housing—

An adequate supply of single family houses is available, ranging in size from 900 square feet and up, renting for \$150.00 to \$200.00 per month, average cost to purchase is from \$15,000.00 to \$40,000.00, average down payment of \$3,000.00 and interest rates from 6% to 9%. The average lot price is \$43.50 per front foot — fully serviced, these are town-owned lots with an abundant supply available. Residential taxes run from \$400.00 to \$600.00 per year. Housing projects are completed as required. The town contains 282 walk-up, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments which rent from \$85.00 to \$165.00 per month.

9. MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

The town is governed by a Town Council, consisting of a Mayor and six Councillors holding a three-year term of office. There are Building By-Laws, Development Controls, a Planning Board, Recreation Board and an Industrial Commission.

10. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Police protection provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with a staff of one Sergeant, one Corporal and five Constables equipped with all modern facilities to provide adequate private and industrial protection patrols. There is a ratio of 1.3 R.C.M.P. per 1,000 population. They work in co-operation with the Subdivision Headquarters which is located in the town.

One resident police magistrate, district court, Supreme Court and Sheriff help to maintain justice.

Building Regulations—

The town has adopted the 1970 National Building Code. Plans for all new buildings must be submitted to the town building inspector for approval and a permit issued before work commences.

The town has adopted a General Plan for the Town of Peace River.

Electrical installations must comply with the Alberta Electrical Protection Act.

Sanitary installations must comply with the Provincial Health Regulations.

Gas installations must comply with the Alberta Gas Protection Act.

11. FIRE PROTECTION

A volunteer Fire Department with 22 members, two pumpers, 3 sirens and an annual inspection service is carried out. The Insurance Classification of the Community is No. 2, and the Community is a part of the Cardinal Emergency Measures Organization.

12. TAX STRUCTURE

	1971 Net Assessment
Land	\$ 3,975,000
Improvements	6,065,000
TOTAL Assessment	<u>\$10,040,000</u>

Mill Rate

Municipal	School	Hospital	Total
24.58	42.	5.42	72.

13. AREAS

Total area of town	- 4,760 acres
Parks and playgrounds	- 340 acres
Streets, roads and lanes	- 240 acres

Miles of roads, streets and lanes:

	Asphalt	Gravel	Improved Earth	Total
Provincial Main	5.1			5.1
Streets and Roads	14.4	10.4		24.8
Lanes	1.0	4.1	1.9	7.0
				<u>36.9</u>
			TOTAL MILES	

There are approximately 12.6 miles of concrete sidewalk.

Sewer and Water Main Mileage

Storm Sewers	- 3.6 miles
Sanitary Sewers	- 17.3 miles
Water Mains	- 14.9 miles

14. SANITATION

The town has a Municipal sewage system with primary treatment facilities and disposal to a lagoon. Storm sewers are installed where required. Industrial and Commercial waste is collected by Compactor Unit, residential weekly and commercial daily or as required, and disposed of by sanitary land-fill.

15. POWER AND FUEL

Electric power is supplied by Northland Utilities Ltd., connected to the Alberta Provincial Power grid, a main feed of 266-2-1/0 MCM, a transformer capacity of 20,000 (in K.V.A.), the present consumption is 408,000 (in K.W.) per week. Average cost per month for a three bedroom bungalow - \$13.50.

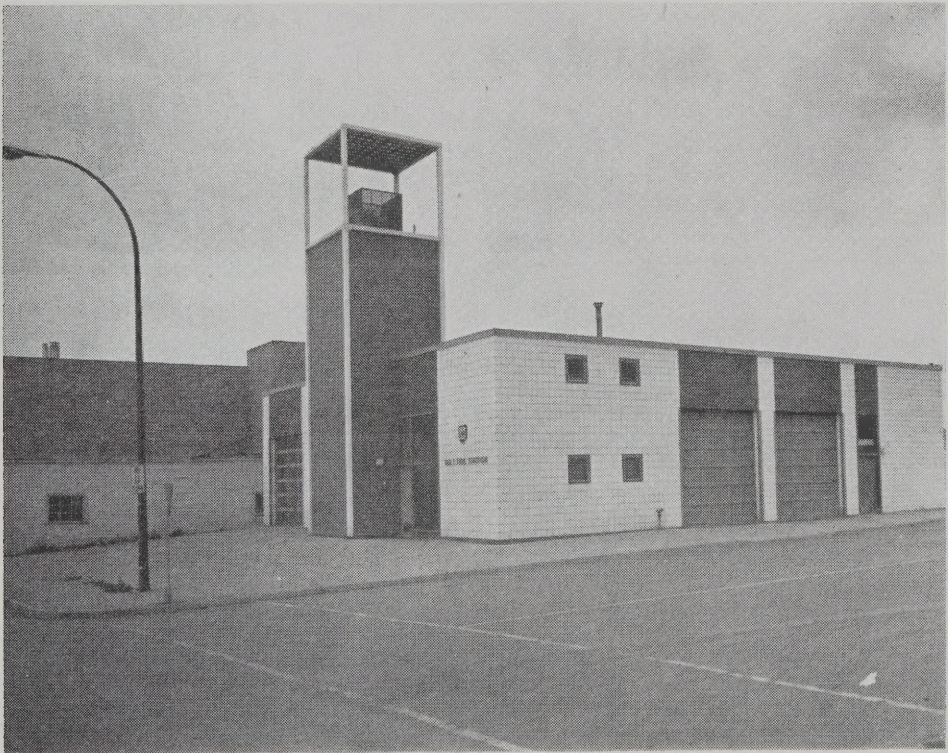
Natural Gas — Supplied by Northland Utilities Ltd., from gas fields in the area via 3- and 4-inch mains, a rating of 1000 BTU's per cubic foot and pressure of 500 pounds in transmission. Average cost per month for a three bedroom-bungalow - \$14.00.

Manufactured Gas — Propane is available by the tank, rates negotiable.

Fuel Oil — supplied by bulk plants with a BTU rating of 160,000 per gallon, costing 21.1c per gallon delivered by tanker.

Coal — supplied by rail from Forestberg, Alberta, a BTU rating of 17,200,000 at \$12.45 per ton.

The new George Subdivision created a first in Northern Alberta by the use of underground utility and telephone wires. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters with paved streets are all provided together with the lot and the water and sewer services at a total cost of \$43.50 per foot of frontage, with choice lots fronting the Peace River going for \$62.00 per foot of frontage. This progressive and orderly development does much to enhance the scenic beauty of the town, and to make Peace River a pleasant place in which to live.



The No. 1 Fire Station is indicative of the modern approach to civic services.

16. WATER

The town's water is supplied from the Peace River with gravity and pump pressure. Pumping capacity is one million gallons per day, pressure of 45 psi, a reserve capacity of 350,000 gallons, full treatment facilities and no restrictions. The residential rates: 1st 3,000 gal./month \$1.50, next 5,000 gal. \$1.10 and the balance at 70c.

17. LOCAL RESOURCES

Wheat and coarse grains, grass seed, forage crops, root crops, vegetables, cattle, sheep, hogs, dairy products, poultry products, straw, honey, oil (30 degrees API gravity), gas, sand, common sand, gravel, clay for bricks.

18. GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SERVICES

Federal - Post Office, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (subdivision headquarters), Veteran Land District Office, Department of Agriculture (Health of Animal Division), Department of Transport (meteorological office and communication branch), A.R.D.A.

Provincial - Alberta Government Telephones (Northern headquarters), Alberta Treasury Branch, Police Magistrate, Clerk of the Court, Department of Lands and Forests (game warden, Green Valley Game Preserve), Depart-



The Lands and Forests Headquarters, with its helicopter pad, is one of the newer office buildings.

ment of Highways and Transport (district engineer, bridge construction engineer, traffic inspector), Liquor Vendor, Peace River Civil Defence Unit, Peace River Health Unit, Peace River School Division No. 10, Superintendent of Schools, Department of Health and Social Development, Attorney General Department (Juvenile Offenders Branch, Sheriff's Office), Department of Labour (Electrical Protection and Gas Protection Inspectors), Provincial Gaol.

Municipal - Town Hall (Secretary-Treasurer, Town Engineer, Building Inspector, Council Chamber, Superintendent of Public Works, Police Department, Recreation Director, Library, Civil Defence), Fire Hall and Rescue Service, Hospital, Auxiliary Hospital and a Nursing Home.

19. HEALTH SERVICES

There is a 75-bed General Hospital, a 50-bed Auxiliary Hospital and a 76-bed Nursing Home (all in the town of Peace River) and a 50-bed Senior Citizens' Home at Berwyn — a total of 251 beds. There are six physicians and surgeons plus one Health Unit doctor and one eye specialist — a total of 8 doctors. Psychiatric services are being upgraded at the present time. The General Hospital has applied for accreditation. There is a Public Health Unit, two Medical Clinics and one Dental Clinic. Scheduled visits are made by Radiologist and Cancer Clinics. Located in the town are two Dentists, one Optometrist, one Chiropractor and five Pharmacists.



The Peace River Hospital is a well-staffed, well-equipped institution.

20. PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLED PERSONAL SERVICES

(Excluding Health Services)

Type of Service	No of Establishments
Accountants	3
Barristers	8
Beauty Parlors	3
Barber Shops	3
Watch Repairs	2
Consulting Engineers	2

21. TRANSPORTATION

Railways — Northern Alberta and Great Slave Lake Railways — freight service only.

Bus Service — Coachways Systems (a division of Greyhound Bus Lines) — a scheduled bus service to all points, inter-connecting with transcontinental systems.

Helicopter Service.

Truck — All types of truck services are represented, with national and international connections. Terminal facilities, local intercity warehousing and local cartage services are available.

Three Taxi Stands - 24-hour service.

Two Car Rental Firms — Avis and Tilden.

Air Service — The Peace River Municipal Airport operated jointly by the Ministry of Transport and the Town of Peace River, with a 5,000-foot hard surfaced runway can accommodate a Boeing 737 and Hercules type aircraft. The M.O.T. conducts 24-hour Air Radio and Meteorology services. Aircraft maintenance and servicing are available. Air passenger, cargo and forwarding service is provided by Pacific Western with daily flight except Saturday and Sunday to Edmonton. Charter service by Peace Air Ltd. and Keir Transport. The nearest privately owned airport is at Grimshaw, with a 3,000-foot runway and fuel available.

22. NEWSPAPERS

Peace River Record Gazette - Weekly. ABC circulation 4,327.

23. COMMUNICATIONS

Alberta Government Telephones, Northern Alberta Railway, Post Office.

Nearest Radio Station - CKYL "The Voice in the Big Country".

Nearest Television Station - CBXAT-TV, channel 7 and CFRN - channel 3.

Several companies have teletype and telex service.

24. FINANCIAL FACILITIES

Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto Dominion Bank, Provincial Treasury Branch, Avco Finance Services, Industrial Acceptance Corp. Ltd., Trader's Group Limited.

25. HOTELS

	No. of Rooms	Rates	Licensed
Travellers Motor Hotel	41	\$11.00 up	yes
McNamara	29	5.50 up	yes
Victory	34	6.00 up	yes

26. MOTELS

	No. of Units	Grade	Rate
Bluebird	6	1 Star	\$5.00 up
Crescent	43	5 Star	\$6.50 up
Peace Valley Lodge	42	4 Star	\$8.00 up

Atlantia Trailer Park — 40 stalls, water, electricity and sewage.

Terrace Park Trailer Court — 95 stalls, water, electricity and sewage.

27. CHURCHES

Anglican, Baptist, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, United Church of God, Lutheran.



Unique design features this, and other, churches located in Peace River.

28. LODGES AND SERVICE CLUBS

Masonic, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Kinsmen, Lions Club, Rotary, Canadian Legion, Women's Auxiliary Canadian Legion.

29. SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Historical Society, Old Timers' Association, Red Cross Society, Home and School Association, Women's Auxiliary in Churches, Agricultural Society, Recreation Board, Friendship Society.

30. EDUCATION

The town contains two Separate Schools and four Public Schools, with an enrollment of 1,101 in the Elementary Grades and 913 in Secondary Grades. Government retraining facilities are available if required. The High School offers Academic, Commercial, Home Economics and Industrial Arts Programs. There were a total of 126 graduates from Grade 12 in 1970.

31. THEATRES AND HALLS

	Capacity	Stage	Piano
La Barbara Theatre	500	yes	no
Athabasca Hall	350	yes	yes
Masonic Hall	75	no	yes
Memorial Arena Hall (upstairs)	200	yes	yes
Elks Hall	50	no	yes
Legion Hall	100	yes	yes
3 School Auditoriums	800	yes	yes

32. RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

A Recreational Director is retained by the town and the following are available: Golfing, hunting, boating, swimming, ski-tow and lodge, skating, curling, bowling, tennis, baseball, fastball, hockey, badminton and others.

A Live Theatre group is active in the town as well as a regular Theatre, Hobby and Craft training group, Rod & Gun Club, Fancy Skating Club and a Ballet group.

Three halls, owned by various organizations are available for rental. The town has a museum, three parks, a large outdoor heated swimming pool and wading pools complete with playgrounds.

The Peace River Municipal Library is sponsored by the town and Provincial Government. The Library is open six days a week from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

33. FAIRS

Peace River is a member of the Peace River Stampede Association which also includes Berwyn and Grimshaw who sponsor a two-day stampede on the Bear Lake Sports Grounds.

Agricultural Fair (2-day event).

34. HISTORICAL SITES

The grave of "Twelve Foot" Davis, who staked a 12-foot mineral claim during the gold rush.

Cairn near Shaftesbury to mark the spot where Mackenzie landed in 1792 and established "Fort of the Forks".

The Green Valley Game Preserve established by Dr. W. J. Greene, DDS, pioneer flier.

35. CO-OPERATIVES

Alberta Wheat Pool, United Grain Growers, Northern Alberta Dairy Pool.

36. SITES

Residential and industrial sites can be purchased from the town or private owners at reasonable prices. This property can be purchased along the river, trackage and highway.

37. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The town of Peace River is encompassed by the Municipal District of



Peace River High School serves students from a wide area around the town.

Peace, and Improvement Districts 131 (now part of a large area I.D. 17), and 138 (now I.D. 22).

Agriculture is well established with soil varying from excellent to marginal for the area. Principal products are small seeds, legumes, coarse grains and cattle.

Crop acreages are beginning to vary considerably from year to year because of variable market demands and Federal Government adjustment programs. In the last few years wheat has decreased in importance and acreage. Barley acreage increased in 1971 and rapeseed has increased to the point of being one of the area's most important crops.

38. FORESTRY

Potential is relatively untouched in the area.

39. OIL AND GAS

Extensive exploration has been carried out over the entire area, with major fields discovered in the Zama and Rainbow Lake areas from which crude oil is carried by two completed pipelines to Edmonton. Gas wells near Peace River, Worsley, Tangent and Whitelaw supply requirements for a large part of the area with further drilling in progress. Tar Sands surrounding Peace River have proven potential and await suitable extraction methods.



Recreational opportunities abound the lively community.

40. IRON ORE

Deposits have been discovered in the Clear Hills, Worsley and Manning areas, the ore is low grade with on-site refining indicated for production.

41. WATER RESOURCES

At present there are no hydro dams or major irrigation projects in the area, but various proposals have been put forth and the potential is unlimited from the Peace and Smoky Rivers.

42. SILICAN SANDS

Large deposits of high grade sand are located within seven miles of Peace River town.

43. GRAVEL

There are extensive gravel deposits in close proximity to the town.



The long climb by well-kept highway from the townsite to the top of the valley is taken by two trucks.

44. INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Type of Industry or Business	Number of Establishments
Accountants	3
Auto Body Repairs	4
Auto Parts	9
Bakeries	1
Banks	4
Barbers	3
Barristers	8
Beauty Parlors	3
Bowling Alley	1
Brush Service	1
Building Contractors	4
Building Supplies	2
Cartage Delivery	4
Caterers	1
Chiropractor	1
Clothing (children's)	1
Clothing (men's)	3
Clothing (ladies')	2
Confectionery	2
Creameries	1
Dentist	2
Doctors	8
Drug Stores	3
Dry Cleaners	2
Electrical Appliances	4
Electrical Contractors	2
Florist	1
Finance Companies	3
Funeral Parlor	1
Fur Buyers	1
Furniture Stores	2
Garages and Service Stations	12
Grain Elevators (total cap. 60,000 bu.)	1
Grocery Stores	5
Hardware Stores	2
Hatchery	1
Honey	1
Hotels	2
Motor Hotels	1
Implements (Cats)	1

Type of Industry or Business	Number of Establishments
Implements (Farm)	2
Insurance Adjusters	3
Insurance and Real Estate	6
Jewellers	2
Laundry (coin operated)	1
Laundry	1
Lumber Yards	2
Milk Distributors	1
Motels	2
Oil Distributors	2
Optometrists	2
Painters and Decorators	2
Plasterers	1
Plumbers	2
Printer	1
Propane Distributor	2
Radio and Television Repairs	2
Radio Stations	1
Radiator Repairs	1
Restaurants	7
Second Hand Stores	1
Sewing Machine Agents	1
Shoe Repairs	1
Shoe Stores	2
Sign Writer	1
Taxi	3
Theatre	1
Trailer Sales	2
Trailer Parks	3
Towing Service	3
Transport	4
Travel Bureau	1
Tinsmith	2
Veterinarian	1
Upholsterers	2
Welding and Machine Shops	3
Wholesale (foods)	3
Variety Stores	2
Departmental Stores	2

45. TRADING AREA

North - 60 miles; West - 50 miles; South - 50 miles; East - 50 miles.

46. POPULATION

Present: 5,384

1941 - 873 1951 - 1,672 1961 - 2,651

1946 - 1,125 1956 - 2,034 1966 - 3,424

Growth pattern: Steady

Population Projection: 1975 - 7,500 1980 - 9,500 1985 - 12,460
(by Consultant)

Trading area population - 1970 - 48,600.

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF PEACE RIVER

Population, 1960	2,613
Population, 1970	5,384
Gross Income of Population, 1959	\$ 3,510,000
Gross Income of Population, 1969	\$ 12,000,000
Trading Area Population (50 mile radius), 1960	39,800
Trading Area Population (50 mile radius), 1970	48,600
Gross Income of Trading Area, 1959	\$ 54,340,000
Gross Income of Trading Area, 1969	\$103,300,000
Construction (Building Permit Value), 1959	\$ 1,200,000
Construction (Building Permit Value), 1969	\$ 1,924,038
Assessment, 1960	\$ 3,030,096
Assessment, 1970	\$ 10,040,000
Retail Trade Volume, 1959	\$ 5,870,000
Retail Trade Volume, 1969	\$ 11,100,000
Number of Manufacturing Plants, 1960	6
Number of Manufacturing Plants, 1970	7
Value of Manufacturer's Shipments, 1959	\$ 522,000
Value of Manufacturer's Shipments, 1969	\$ 1,136,000
Manufacturing Payroll, 1959	\$ 116,000
Manufacturing Payroll, 1969	\$ 262,000

INDUSTRIAL SITES

(a) Total Acreage	115
(b) Unoccupied Acreage	75
(1) Acreage Serviced	40

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Rail	N.A.R. and G.S.L.R.
Highways	No. 2, 16, 43, Alaska and MacKenzie
Airports	1
Truck Service	8 Lines

UTILITY SERVICES

Electricity	Northland Utilities Ltd.
Gas	Northland Utilities Ltd.

RAW MATERIALS

Silica sands, oil sands, gas, iron ore, clay, lumber and farming products.

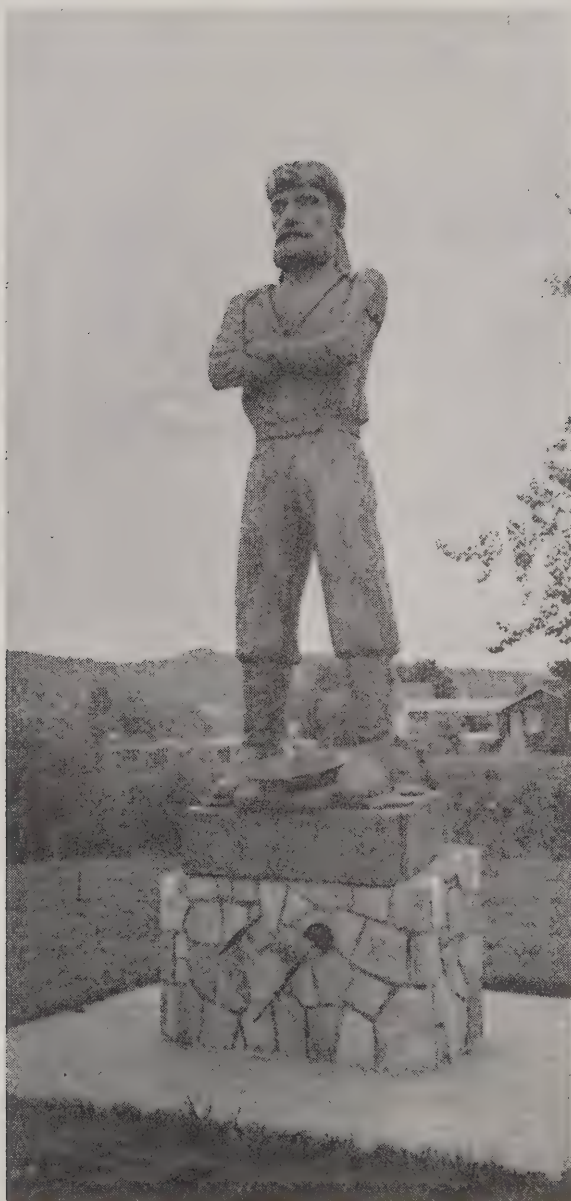
COMMUNICATIONS

Domiciled Radio Station	CKYL
Domiciled TV Station	CBXAT-1
Weekly Newspapers	Peace River Record-Gazette

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

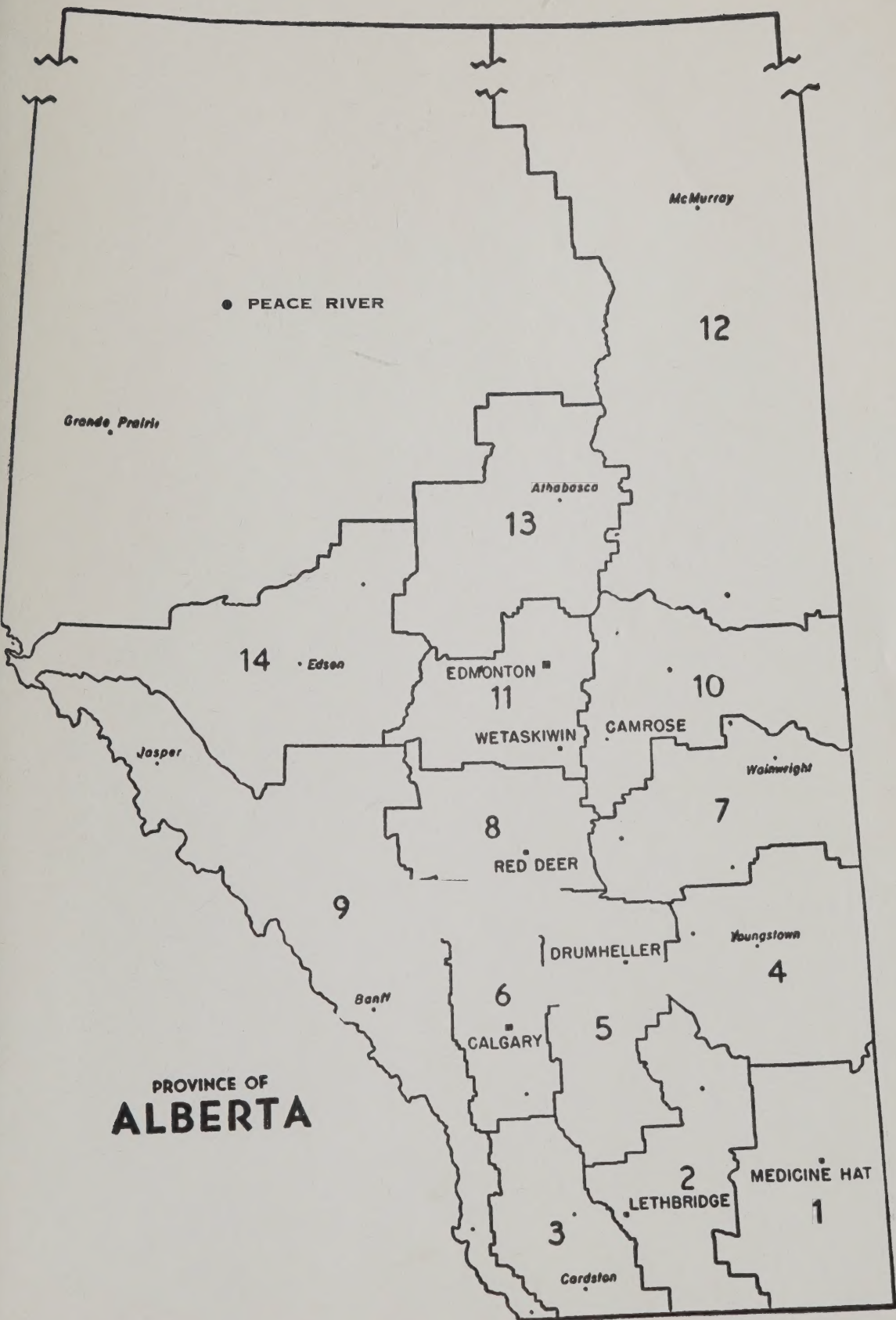
Number of Parks	8
Number of Golf Courses	1

The Land of "Twelve-Foot" Davis



The woodcarving of Twelve Foot Davis mounted in a downtown park attracts the attention of hundreds of visitors to the town.

"Twelve Foot" Davis, whose real name was Henry Davis, has become the patron saint of North Peace legend since his death at the turn of the century. American born, he caught gold fever, trekked to California and joined the rush to the Cariboo. His legend, which grows as fast as does the Peace River country, says Davis arrived too late to file a claim. With some fast calculation, he discovered a strip of unclaimed land between two major strikes. It netted him a fortune worth between \$12,000 and \$20,000 and a nickname that has outlived him, "Twelve Foot." After prospecting along the Peace River, he set up a trading post at Peace River Canyon and built up a reputation among the Indians for honesty. According to the legend, he never locked his cabin door and always left a cache of food in his cabin. He died at the Anglican mission at Lesser Slave Lake, but friends remember his love for "Sagitawa", an Indian name meaning "the place where you see the meeting of the waters"—the junction of the Smoky and Peace Rivers, about three miles upstream from the Town of Peace River. He was buried on a hill overlooking the junction. An inscription on his gravestone proclaims briefly the character of the man: "Pathfinder, pioneer, miner and trader—he was every man's friend and he never locked his cabin door."



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